

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alisa Abecassis  
**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 06:41 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing to you as a multifamily residential property owner with several properties located in the city of Los Angeles. On behalf of myself, my partners and fellow landlords, I am writing to voice my opposition to agenda items 38 and 39. We as landlords have and continue to be committed to providing quality housing to our valued tenants and have been doing so for the past 25 years. Over the course of that time we have had numerous instances where we have worked with tenants through financial hardship to keep them in their units. We have also had to evict tenants for drug dealing, harassment of other tenants in addition to complete non-payment of rent without explanation. We are deeply sensitive some of our tenants losing their jobs and lack of income during this time and we continue to work with those who come to us and try to work through a solution to help them avoid eviction. We are deeply opposed to agenda item 38 which would classify unpaid rent as consumer debt and therefore not subject to the unlawful detainer process. Item 39 eliminates all eviction proceedings for 30 days past the lifting of the emergency order. As a business, if a tenant chooses not to pay rent without working with us, what leverage or recourse do we have? What stops a tenant from living rent free for a year or more even if they haven't lost their job? Multifamily residential housing is a business with significant operating expenses. We have to pay property taxes, mortgages, utilities, maintenance costs, our resident managers etc. We are trying our best to work with our tenants but if there is no relief or assistance for landlords this problem is going to much bigger in the long term than the current situation. Just as an example, Hunt, a Freddie Mac lender with whom we have the majority of our mortgages is not granting any forbearance to anyone who took a distribution in 2019. To not have any rental income and to have to absorb a mortgage payment along with all the other expenses I outlined earlier is a recipe for disaster that could negatively impact the tenants in all of our buildings combined. It is imperative that our elected officials think about all of the ramifications of their actions when enacting policy. What might appear to be a quick solution could spell disaster in the housing market for years to come. The best possible way to address the current situation is to substantially expand item 66 for tenant assistance. In addition, expanding of section 8 programs

and property tax relief for landlords who are diligently working with tenants could go a long way toward keeping renters in their units during this difficult time. We all have to work together. We know this is going to be hard and there is no magic bullet. But to put the entire cost of housing on landlords is unreasonable, unfair and short sighted. Please help us help our tenants.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Abigail Coleman

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 03:26 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi, Landlords are still giving out eviction notices, leaving people confused and vulnerable to exploitation. The current protections are just a delay on evictions. We need a real blanket moratorium on evictions that protects all tenants. Thank you! Abigail Coleman

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Caleb Ray-Robertson

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 02:44 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please vote Yes on a moratorium on evictions. We tenants need these protections. We don't want to end up on the streets; it's bad enough as it is out there and I don't want to end up in that vicious cycle. We want to do the right thing, I don't want a hand out, but I do want a level playing field. Our jobs have been obliterated, and I don't have a single source of income right now. I wish I could pay my rent, but I simply can't find work. Please help protect your citizens.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** David Hunter

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 02:58 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** A few things to clear up about correct terminology. -Being a landlord is not a job, as owning things is not a job. -Similarly, there is no landlord "industry." -Rather, becoming a landlord is way of investing surplus money so as to generate a revenue stream of supplemental income. This investment is subject to risk. Widespread economic devastation is part of that risk. -The terms "small landlord" and "mom-and-pop landlord" do not have defined terms and should not be used in the context of city council meetings. Exactly what do these terms mean? How financially at-risk are these people? How much of that is through their own pursuit of risk? It may well be that there are landlords who are genuinely at risk through no fault of their own, but it is also likely that this group is small enough that we can afford to pass sweeping protection for tenants and catch the few "at-risk landlords" on the back end. When we use clear language that isn't designed to conflate being a landlord with having a job, it becomes clear what our obligations are. The city must be absolutely clear that protecting the housing of a vast majority of its citizens is a far greater priority than protecting the return on investment of those who chose to invest in real estate. Protection of tenants' rights are a magnitude more important than the protection of landlords' privileges. As a matter of political necessity, it may be important to combine legislation protecting both. But nothing can justify obscuring difference between the moral obligation we have to tenants and the political necessity of protecting the investments of landlords.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Albert

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 03:09 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** This items and all other items maybe subject to abuse by tenants toward landlords As a landlord depending on the income from my tenant I will be a the mercy of my tenants not paying their rents at all for along time when I have to provide utilities pay taxes remove trash n keep the building in good condition plus retrofit the building , how can I ? The city need to step up help our tenants not we ? We can't be as small owner carry this burden alone and be subject of abuse of your well intentioned help We can't be left to dry to fend by ourself ! We need help too !

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 01:50 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** Our vulnerable renting community is left in the dark with cold eviction notices from landlords and property management. It's very important to create a real, strong moratorium on evictions to really protect ALL tenants. We need to protect the people!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Clara estrada  
**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 12:27 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0404  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Yo apoyo al 33 y 39



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michael Hellen

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 01:17 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Council Members: As an owner of residential buildings located in Downtown Los Angeles, I am writing to oppose Motions 20-0409 and 20-0404 (collectively “Motions”) that among other things will unconstitutionally (i) convert unpaid rent incurred during COVID-19 into consumer debt, not enforceable through the unlawful detainer process and (ii) prohibit a property owner from not only filing and unlawful detainer proceeding but from taking any action in an unlawful detainer case while a state or local state of emergency related to the COVID-19 virus is in effect, except as narrowly provided in the Motions. The Motions are an unreasonable proposal that will harm responsible property owners, who are already facing financial hardships caused by state and local action intended to assist the tenants affected by COVID-19 as follows. Recognizing that we are in unprecedented times, we acknowledge that tenants who have been truly affected by the COVID-19 virus need protections. However, they have already been granted extensive protections under existing state proclamations and local laws that halt evictions of all types and provide extended deferrals of unpaid rent. The Motions will allow unscrupulous tenants to simply ignore their contractual obligations and take advantage of the pandemic. Notably even if property owners are not required to make mortgage payments, these owners must pay property taxes and insurance premiums, not to mention the significant costs to manage and maintain their properties and paying employees in accordance with state and local laws. As such the Motions will place significant financial hardships on rental housing owners, while providing no assistance to help them bear those burdens. Indeed, during this pandemic some tenants are seeking to pigtail on the various protections even if those tenants have been unaffected financially by COVID-19 and are able to pay. Motion 20-0404 would aid this unethical action by allowing tenants to withhold rent without requiring and proof of a hardship or inability to pay. And although Motion 20-0409, by referencing CF#20-0147-S19, requires tenants to provide a connection to COVID-19 in order to qualify, the tenant need only show “loss of income” in order to stay in the unit, it does not require the tenant to show that they are unable to pay the rent. Even more appalling is that CF#20-0147-S19 prevents a property owner from evicting a tenant who has become a

nuisance. Now, in addition to having property owners go months without rent, in violation of the state and federal constitution, the Motions seek to take away property owner's fundamental property rights without due process. Indeed, the purpose of the unlawful detainer statutes is to provide the landlord with a summary, expeditious way of getting back their property when a tenant fails to pay the rent or refuses to vacate the premises; recovery of rent is a mere incident to the main object. The summary nature of Unlawful Detainer proceedings to prevent wrongful deprivation of one's property is an important public policy consideration that is recognized both by the courts and the state legislature. By requiring property owners to treat the unpaid rent as consumer debt, Motion 20-0409 will not only take away a property owner's right to summarily obtain possession of his/her property, the Motion will impose additional financial costs on property owners by requiring them to incur substantial attorneys' fees to recover the debt, all while allowing the tenant to stay in the property rent free. Specifically, an unlawful detainer action affords landlords a speedy "summary eviction" remedy and is virtually the fastest civil trial proceeding, which gives precedence in trial setting over other actions requiring that trial be set within twenty days of filing of a responsive pleading, requesting trial setting, which must take place within 5 days of service of an Unlawful Detainer Complaint, as opposed to 30 days accorded to other civil actions. That is not the case with other civil actions which with the current court backlogs can result in a landlord's inability to collect the debt for a period of 12-18 months and participate in various legal proceedings requiring counsel assistance. Notably, the property owner can expect to recover no rent during this period. Not to mention that conversion of past due rent into consumer debt may unfairly subject the landlord to the stringent requirements of the California Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. In summary, we believe that the Motions are not only unconstitutional and violate specific public policy considerations relating to property ownership, but will cause undue burden on property owners without providing any assistance to said owners. We therefore respectfully request that the Motions be denied. Downtown Management Michael Hellen

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Pieter Kaufman

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 01:56 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm a district 1 resident, a native Angeleno, homeowner, and I urge the council in the strongest possible terms to protect tenants from eviction during this crisis. Nobody should face losing their home due to an inability to pay rent, due to loss of income. We must protect all of the members of our community, and make sure they have a home and safe place to live.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** katherine domantay

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 01:57 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** Good afternoon, my name is Katherine and I reside in District 10. I am a citizen of Los Angeles and I'm leaving a comment for all of our elected officials to implement a comprehensive RENT CANCELLATION during this state of emergency.? ? Due to cancellations, closures, and widespread unemployment the people of Los Angeles are losing massive amounts of income and many are unable to make rent payments in addition to covering food, medicine, or personal emergencies.? ? Stable housing is crucial to maintaining the governor's plan for social distancing to address this public health crisis. ? We must act now to suspend all rent payments statewide, in addition to an indefinite moratorium on evictions and housing closures. ? ? Me and my fellow residents of Los Angeles are demanding an immediate RENT CANCELLATION. No one should have to struggle for the financial benefit of the few in this universal crisis.? #FOODnotRENT? Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Wendypuluc

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 01:04 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hola mi nombre es wendypuluc y soy parte de tu distrito. Llamo como parte de coalición Healthy LA porque me preocupa que esta crisis de salud también se convierta en un desalojo a largo plazo y una crisis economía, dejándome o los miembros de nuestra comunidad más vulnerables desempleados, con muchas deudas y en riesgo de quedarse sin hogar. Por lo tanto, instó a O"Farrell. Aprobar una moratoria de desalojo completa que me mantenga seguro en mi hogar,asegurarse de que el alivio de la hipoteca esté vinculado al alivio para los inquilinos para que los inquilinos no acumulen deudas de alquiler. Aprobar un derecho de destitución para garantizar que los trabajadores sean recontratados cuando finalice la emergencia de salud. Traer medidas al consejo para proteger a los personas que no están alojadas .

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lilian Galicia  
**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 12:40 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0404  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Yo apoyo al 33 y 39

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 12:41 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** If we allow landlords to evict tenants (or not provide tenants with the proper time to collect the finances needed to pay rent), it would inevitably create a domino effect that would not only further exacerbate issues with the current homeless population, but would also leak into issues with unemployment, put more pressure into government assistance programs, and would have negative long term economic, as well as countless other issues. We must put the needs of the many over the needs of the few; the few who already are in a better financial standing and can easily recover compared to the many who are currently facing financial issues which will require a lot of help. Though we are all being affected by the current Covid-19 pandemic and it is something we were all unprepared for and could not have predicted, we cannot lose our humanity and put thousands of children, mothers, fathers, and grandparents lives at risk of illnesses, homelessness, and death.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Natalija Vekic

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 10:52 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** For years the City and State Governments have done very little to protect tenants from skyrocketing rents in Los Angeles and evictions. The LA City Council needs to do everything in it's power to make sure that more city residents do not end up on the street during and after this crisis. That is why a complete MORATORIUM ON EVICTIONS is not only necessary, it is IMPERATIVE to ensure that residents don't end up on the street. Let's treat this like the EMERGENCY DISASTER that it is and provide much needed relief — this in no time for business as usual. It's time to think outside the box. The economy won't magically fix itself and they'll be people out of work for months. The health and safety of the city are at stake and it's the job of the city counsel to think to the future and the ramifications that inaction will have on the 60% of people in this city who are renters. Thank you for your time. Best, Natalija vekic



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Karam Kim

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 11:09 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Karam Kim and I am a constituent of CD 10. Landlords are still giving out eviction notices. Folks in my community are stressed out and confused, and I'm worried that they are vulnerable to being exploited. We can't just delay evictions until later—we need a real blanket moratorium on evictions.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** kaye kim

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 11:12 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Kaye Kim and a resident of CD 2 in Van Nuys. The city must act now to stop evictions from happening now and in the future. The current restrictions that prevent landlords from issuing a summons does not prevent them from finding loopholes such as issuing notices or filing an eviction proceeding without the summons; it does not prevent future evictions. We need a real moratorium that closes the loopholes and is tied to rent forgiveness.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Keisha Banks

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 11:14 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Council Members, I have been furloughed from my job and my sister has lost both of her restaurant jobs due to COVID 19. We live in a rent controlled building and before COVID, we lived in constant fear of being evicted simply so that R&E Management could raise the rent on our unit. We have also been subject to yearly rent maximum percentage rent increases and fees for capital improvements, with no improvements to our building made at all. The rental system in LA already favors landlords by making their reporting system based on "the honor system". Renters can show up to court with reams of paperwork and still be coerced into moving out of their homes, through no fault of their own, by bullying lawyers and confusing procedures and unreasonable response times to legal paperwork (which many have no experience dealing with). If you allow landlords to collect rent while the majority of LA County is out of work, it will only lead to more evictions and eventually more homelessness. Owners have the ability to work with their creditors and adjust their mortgages on these properties and find financial relief. Many of these buildings are very old and likely don't have a mortgage, in addition to the fact that renters already pay for any capital improvements (with no receipts or bidding necessary). History has shown us that when people are allowed the chance to choose greed over being decent to a person below your perceived station, greed often wins. Many renters in LA already pay over 30% of their salary in housing and live paycheck to paycheck. It is only fair to offer each citizen the same chance to recover from this global crisis. This situation is unsure for us all, we're not asking landlords to let us live for free, we are simply asking for patience and respect. Please consider a moratorium on rent and evictions. Thank you, Keisha Banks

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Anamilagrochavez

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 11:16 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** #33 y #39 gracias por buscar apoyo alas personas indocumentadas . Estamos en necesidad de recursos para biles y comida ,también estamos viviendo muchos estrés por la renta ..les pido de favor moratoria más fuerte porque la renta se está acumulando y si no nos desalojan ahorita ,después nos van a desalojar... por favor ,Dios me los bendiga

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sohl Kim

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 10:51 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Sohl Kim and I am a constituent of CD10. Landlords are still giving out eviction notices, leaving people confused and vulnerable to exploitation. The current protections are just a delay on evictions. We need a real blanket moratorium on evictions that protects all tenants.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ana milagro chavez

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 10:52 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** De parte de la coalición healthy LA .me preocupa que esta crisis del coronavirus se convierta en un desalojo alargó plazo que se convierta en crisis económica ,dejándome o(los miembros de nuestra comunidad más vulnerables) desempleados, con muchas deudas en riesgo de quedarnos sin hogar . Pido de favor a Ofarrell aprobar una moratoria de desalojo completa que nos mantenga seguros en nuestro hogar ,asegurarnos un alivio para los inquilinos que no acumulen deudas .... acumulare más de 4,200 en deuda de alquiler de abril a junio ,es un pago de 350 mensual durante un año. Mi familia está luchando y esto me obligando a endeudarme y posiblemente hacer desalojada dentro de unos meses por no poder pagar la renta pedimos de favor ala ciudad que haga todo lo que esté en su poder para perdonar rentas incluyendo garantía de cualquier tipo de alivio hipotecario del dueño ,este este directamente relacionado con el alivio de sus inquilinos y asegurarse de no ser desalojados por la deuda acumulada durante esta emergencia por cove \_19

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Thomas Kim

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 10:57 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Thomas Kim and I am a constituent of CD 10. Landlords are still giving out eviction notices. Folks in my community are stressed out and confused, and I'm worried that they are vulnerable to being exploited. We can't just delay evictions until later—we need a real blanket moratorium on evictions.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Violeta Centeno

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 10:57 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** Councilmember Ryu, I am a Violeta Centeno, a constituent of your district CD 4, I work directly with tenants in a low income housing complex in Koreatown. I witness first hand the response from property management on their tenants, the response is we will abide by the eviction memorandum but still serve 3 day notices to those who do not pay. We need to put a halt to this immediately.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Eun Young Youn

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 11:00 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Eun Young Youn and I am a constituent of CD 4. Landlords are still giving out eviction notices, leaving people confused and vulnerable to exploitation. The current protections are just a delay on evictions. We need a real blanket moratorium on evictions that protects all tenants.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ruby Rivera

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 11:00 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** I work with youth from the Ramona Gardens community. During this challenging pandemic our youth are not only worried about their health or succeeding acaemically but the financial impact this pandemic has on their family is an added stress. All of our youth members are renters and fear of being evicted once the moratorium is over is prevalent. This fear is rooted in the reality that current rents are already high and unaffordable, having to pay rent when the crisis ends in addition to back rent is a debt these families cannot take on. The current protections are just a delay on evictions. We need a real blanket moratorium on evictions that protects all tenants. We also need to ensure that as part of the responsible banking ordinance we must ensure that mortgage relief is tied to relief for renters. Otherwise, tenants could continue to accumulate rent debt and face possible eviction later on.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 10:41 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Councilmembers, It is imperative that a REAL eviction moratorium be put in place in order to protect Angelenos. You all read the Times, you all see the numbers, both the number of those who just lost employment and the the rising numbers of those who are without homes. What do you think will happen as hundreds of thousands of Angelenos cannot pay their rent come May 1st? Keeping individuals in their homes at a time when social distancing remains imperative to a recovery from this pandemic. It's ludicrous to not put in place protections for the most vulnerable. Please please follow Bonin's lead and take brave political action to protect your consituents. This is both POSSIBLE and URGENTLY NEEDED! Thank you. Nik

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Candice Tobin

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 10:41 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** We are in the middle of a public health crisis. Evicting tenants during this time is exceptionally cruel and immoral. Low-income renters are the folks being hit hardest by this pandemic. They need protection!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alexis Perez

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 11:48 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** Honorable City Council and Mayor, Landlords are still giving out eviction notices, leaving people confused and vulnerable to exploitation. The current protections are just a delay on evictions. We need a real blanket moratorium on evictions that protects all tenants. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Stephanie Hirsch

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 11:35 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am encouraging the city council to comply with the demands of the HealthyLA coalition. I want to uplift the stories of two people whose fates depend on the votes the council makes today about rent relief and a true eviction moratorium. My friend called in distress after being pressured by their landlord to sign documents and they did not know what to do. They did not know how to comply with the ever evolving situation and what decision might haunt them down the line. Their primary concern which has not changed and has only worsened as time passes is that they have not had any income for weeks now. But the bills do not cease. They do not know how they will continue to survive and cover their basic needs which includes housing, food, healthcare on their remaining savings. Asking people to pay back past due rent without any relief is tantamount to piling on debt on people who cannot afford it. This will force people out of their homes or to go without necessities at the detriment of their health. I also want to uplift the story shared by my spouse's coworker, a veteran. They have decided that the best choice before them is to convert their vehicle into a residence because of the threat of a rental increase once the Shelter At Home orders are relieved. While they are able to continue to work they are not receiving the same income they had and their financial situation is already unstable. The threat of a rental increase will only aggravate the housing crises that had already plagued this city before the impacts of COVID-19 brought to the surface of our collective consciousness the lack of protections that existed for renters. The lack of transparency and bold action from the council on rent relief and the implementation of a true and just eviction moratorium is in favor of those who have at the expense of those who have little or nothing. It is complicit in a process that will force people to self-evict as they endure harassment and pressure from landlords whose goals are to increase their own profits and exploit this crisis for their own benefit. The decision of whether or not to implement protections today for renters from eviction will change the fabric of our city and communities for years.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 11:28 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** i am writing as a member of this city where more than 50% of the population is now jobless. it is impossible to assume that any of us can afford to barely eat and survive, let alone pay rent. we are being forced to choose food over rent, and with the support of this council, we can continue to survive on the little that we currently have. if landlords are able to bully their renters into leaving their homes, it will only amplify the current homeless crisis that we are living in. there are so many lives that will be impacted by this legislation, PLEASE think about all the people in our city

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jasmyne Cannick

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 11:35 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Council President Martinez, Councilmember Harris-Dawson, et all, I am a resident in the 8th Council District and I am writing to urge your YES vote on agenda items 37, 38 and 39 relative to freezing the rent, classifying unpaid rent as consumer debt that cannot be punished via eviction and a total eviction moratorium regardless of proof of hardship from loss of income due to the coronavirus pandemic. Next to those experiencing homelessness, renters are among the hardest hit demographic in the City of Los Angeles because of the coronavirus pandemic. Quite frankly, we were struggling and becoming homeless BEFORE this hit thanks to gentrification and the high cost of rent equally. It's only intensified now that this pandemic has happened. What renters need is REAL relief--not symbolism.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Natalija Vekic

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 12:05 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello Council Members, Today I spent 43 minutes on hold waiting to speak to the City Council when I was dropped from the call with no explanation or recourse. I was going to comment on: Eviction Moratorium Item 39 / Council File: 20-0404 I am a renter, a graduate of UCLA, a small business owner and have lived in Los Angeles for the last decade. The LA City Council needs to do everything in it's power to make sure that city residents already struggling to pay rent — do not end up on the street. The city needs to implement rent forgiveness & mortgage suspension. In addition, the city needs to implement a strong Moratorium on evictions. Asking people to pay back already high rents and adding back rent is a recipe for disaster. The economy won't magically fix itself and they'll be people out of work for months. Let's treat this like the EMERGENCY DISASTER that it is and provide much needed relief — this in no time for business as usual. As a small business owner, one of many that was shut out of federal programs like PPP — I will be dealing with the financial fall out of this disaster for months to come as I try to navigate the new landscape. The projects we were slated to work on have all been postponed indefinitely. With everyone except big corporations like Amazon, facing financial disaster — work will be hard to Los Angeles residents for too long have had our voices have been ignored as rents skyrocket and the homeless population grows — Things will only get worse with this shut down. The health and safety of the city are at stake. There are already 60,000 people living on the street and this pandemic threatens the numbers to skyrocket if we the City Council does not act now. Thank you so much, Natalija Vekic

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Deborah

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 11:59 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Deborah and I am a constituent of CD4. Landlords are still giving out eviction notices, leaving people confused and vulnerable to exploitation. The current protections are just a delay on evictions. We need a real blanket moratorium on evictions that protects all tenants. We need clear information about the boundaries of whatever eviction moratorium is in place and the effects of not paying rent during this time. These protections are not real until renters can trust that they will not be evicted once the time runs out on these policies.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Claudia E. Moreno

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 12:12 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** Buenos Días Señores Consejales y Miembros de la junta. Mi nombre es Claudia E. Moreno Soy vendedora Ambulante de la zona fhasion distric.Cerramos nuestros puestos y dejamos de trabajar por esta emergencia de salud.Pero estamos preocupados por nuestros ingresos ya que dependen de nuestro trabajo nuestras familias.Ya que somos en su mayoría vendedores indocumentados y no calificamos para ninguna ayuda del gobierno.Y necesitamos pagar la renta y otros servicios domésticos.Por eso pedimos su Apoyo Y Ayuda para nuestra comunidad indocumentada. En esta situación tan difícil y dolorosa que estamos pasando todos Gracias.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** David Abud

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 12:22 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is David Abud and I am a constituent of CD14. Landlords are still giving out eviction notices, leaving people confused and vulnerable to exploitation. The current protections are just a delay on evictions. We need a real blanket moratorium on evictions that protects all tenants immediately.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 12:30 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** May this Earth Day #50 not only be remembered during the global fight to subdue the new virus, but make the City of Los Angeles shine due to brave votes, actions to relieve our low-income, out-of-work renting population of monthly obligations to landlords...if they cannot survive these delayed rental incomes, they truly shouldn't be in the business of housing the vulnerable.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Edgar suy  
**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 12:32 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0404  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Yo apoyo al 33 y al 39

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rachmiel Moss

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 12:32 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** An eviction moratorium is absolutely necessary due to the price of rent in our city compared to the small size and inefficiency of federal aid distributions. Most angelinos can't work nearly as much as they need to in order to stay above water right now, please have some mercy



## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 12:33 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** We are in a scary and unprecedented situation that has left literally millions without work. Many people in LA were already living paycheck to paycheck (myself included), so having financial insecurity on top of trying to navigate a deadly pandemic has brought an immense burden upon Angelenos. The last thing anyone needs to worry about right now is being evicted from their homes because they can't work or have had their hours cut and thus can't make rent. Please follow through with putting a real moratorium on eviction during the lockdown.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Amy Golden

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 08:35 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** The eviction moratorium is such an important step in addressing Covid 19's effect on our city. Homelessness is already such a problem in Los Angeles. Evictions during this time will not only harm the individuals who lose shelter, but will contribute to a higher health risk for all Angelenos when they are not able to properly self isolate. There must be a moratorium on evictions.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Paisley Mares

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 08:43 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please vote yes on motions 37, 38, and 39. Protecting renters does not necessarily mean hurting landlords — but in a time of crisis of this magnitude, it is imperative to take care of the people (and majority of the city). That is not to say there should not be relief plans put in place for small landlords who will be left in a lurch due to their tenants' hardships. Mortgage freeze should be enacted but that's another matter. In relation to these motions, they are as much common sense as they are moral responsibilities. If people cannot work, they cannot pay. Government assistance is currently not substantial enough to provide adequate financial support which is why we call for a full freeze on rent increase, a true eviction moratorium, and rent cancellation for the duration of this crisis. As I said, let there also be a mortgage cancellation for small landlords who are living on thin margins. But otherwise let the banks and government realize that it is the people who need to be bailed out. Then we can pay our way. And for those property managers who are lamenting that they have to get paid in order for "housing to be available" I argue that housing should not be an overpriced commodity but a basic human right. This pandemic only proves that point due to the incredibly vulnerable position our houseless neighbors find themselves in now. It's time to take care of each other and not just looking out for our own best interest or biggest dollar.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Miriam Miller

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 08:25 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** Mortgage suspension must be addressed concurrently, not subsequently with agenda items 37, 38, 40. If the Council takes action without securing mortgage suspension, the economic devastation will be insurmountable for recovery of the tax base and Los Angeles economy. Property taxes: the vast majority of all multi-family mortgages have mandatory monthly real estate tax impounds. This means that almost all multifamily Communities have already paid their taxes and will be making monthly installments on an on going basis. In fact, with the April payment, all of our communities have prepaid real estate taxes through June. Unless you can return these prepayments to the multi family Communities, you cannot approve Items 37,38 and 40. With respect, we urge you not to endorse and support these Items due to the fact that they will worsen a situation beyond repair.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Harry Sherman

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 09:00 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** It is very important for you to pass this motion. With the homeless issue at a crisis level, this is the time to help prevent more neighbors from becoming homeless!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Oriana Koren

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 09:04 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** A moratorium on rent and mortgages is needed now and immediate for LA County. Epidemiologists and scientist alike have said we, as an entire nation, are 12-18 months away from a vaccine. This means, considering the highly contagious nature of this novel Coronavirus, the American public can expect to be practicing some form of Stay At Home until a vaccine is made public so we can return to work safely without triggering another outbreak of the illness. As a renter, my life has been upended in ways I would have never imagined. It is reprehensible that property management companies and landlords would add additional stress, anxiety and uncertainty to the lives of millions of Americans in an attempt to maintain their ideas of normalcy by evicting people in the face of the worst public health crisis humanity has ever faced OR sticking folks with more debt in the face of economic collapse and the worse recession since the 1920s. Rent and mortgages should be cancelled outright if for no better reason than people are grieving simultaneously their loved ones and their former lives and should be given the room to do so without worrying about keeping a roof over their heads or if they will be able to pay off three or more months of rent debt when all is said and done. If we have to rely on our stunted and failing government for relief, why can't management companies and landlords do the same? In a world where everyone is having to make sacrifices and change how they live, why do landlords get to act as though everything will be fine when this crisis passes — if it passes, based on the lack of respond federally. It is disappointing to have to watch my local and federal government fail me over and over again and then see my fellow citizen take advantage of a shared weakness in this historical moment. Do the right thing. Cancel rent and mortgages for the remainder of this crisis because it is simply the right thing to do. Lining your pockets with the funds of the suffering, dying, and deceased is nothing short of despicable. Let California be an example of how this country, on a local and state level, can support its citizens in times of crisis. Give us some hope in an increasingly hopeless situation. You may only have your dignity and integrity to show for it which isn't as coveted as money but perhaps it'll be better to say you were on the right side of humanity when the world was falling apart instead of being another bad actor on the already too long list of

bad actors in this tragedy. Vote your conscious, not your bank account.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 02:54 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** We need a full eviction moratorium in this city for the duration of the emergency period. People need to STAY INSIDE and practice good social distancing. The fact that this is up for debate is shameful! If we start seeing evictions in the city and people moving around from one place to another, how can we expect the virus to stop spreading?! In order to keep our communities safe we need places to self-quarantine. We cannot be evicting people AT ALL during this period. People need to social distance!



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Cipriano Belser  
**Date Submitted:** 04/21/2020 01:09 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** As an almost 10 year resident of this amazing city, as a former hospitality worker that out my heart and soul into facilitating the leisure and enjoyment of my fellow angeleños, and especially now as an advocate for the abused and exploited workers in the hospitality industry. I know that this will provide necessary protections for all citizens here and be an excellent supportive measure for the recovery of small business here in the city, the actual people that make this city great, that give it character and personality need you too step up and support is in the way you position requires!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Diane Webster

**Date Submitted:** 04/21/2020 01:48 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** What you will be voting on tomorrow is important. And it is important that you do NOT pass these measures. As landlords we want o keep tenants even when we have rent stabilized apartments. This is a period of time when we wouldn't increase rent anyways. Please understand that we have bills to pay and property taxes and retrofits and repairs and maintenance and mortgage payments. I think that you all think that all rental income is profit and is not accompanied by all the costs and debt payment and tax payment and repairs, etc. Please don't presume that we are all greedy and awful people and please do not give L.A. citizens the belief that that is what we are. We work with our tenants when there are problems. What about landlord relief. We are the ones who are providing housing and we are being punished by you. If tenants have been hurt by the coronavirus and can show that they have lost their jobs or income we are OK will delaying their rent until they can pay. But blanket rules like the ones you are proposing are honestly so radical that it feels like you are using this crisis to just want to control us more and more. You will control us so much that we will lose our buildings and your big corporate friends will get them for cents on the dollar. Please stop this madness.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Shane W

**Date Submitted:** 04/21/2020 08:59 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** Enact eviction moratorium indefinitely until 30 days minimum after the COVID-19 crisis is over.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 04/21/2020 05:18 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** Paying rent during a time when I am not getting paid and have to debate between bills and food is not fair rent should be stopped or minimized especially since this is just stacking more money owed in a time when the reopening is unforeseeable and will put a halt on monetary gains for an unbeknownst period of time.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 12:34 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** The COVID-19 pandemic has brought death and destruction onto communities all over the world. We are living in an unprecedented time where millions of people are no longer going to have adequate access to food, jobs, housing, and healthcare. I urge the Los Angeles City Council to pass a moratorium on all evictions and pass a rent freeze immediately. A moratorium on all evictions and a rent freeze are concrete and sensible policies during this public health crisis. Millions are out of work and will continue to be out of work when the stay at home order is no longer in place. I grew up in Los Angeles and knew too many people in my family, school, and community who experienced homelessness because of the reduction of work hours or the loss of employment. It is vital that the Los Angeles City Council pass the moratorium on all evictions and a rent freeze to ensure everybody stays safe during the COVID-Q9 crisis and after as we recover from the public health crisis. Federal elected officials have provided trillions of tax payer money to bail out corporations. From the financial crisis in 2008 to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, elected officials prove they prioritize corporations over human lives. I urge the LA City Council pass the moratorium on all evictions and pass a rent freeze in order to prioritize people who are struggling to survive and meet their basic human needs.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Naomi Williams  
**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 12:40 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing to you to express my support for this motion by Councilmembers Bonin, Ryu, and Harris-Dawson. During this unprecedented time, I am calling upon all of you to do the right thing and protect renters, who make up the majority of the population in Los Angeles. Even before the threat of COVID-19, Los Angeles was in the midst of a housing crisis. To evict tenants in the middle of a global pandemic is cruel. It is also a public health concern. If the city council is serious about wanting to prevent the spread of COVID-19, it cannot allow landlords to take away people's means to self quarantine. It is time for the city council to put people over profits. I urge the city council to respond with the urgency and courage that this moment demands of you. Thank you for your time.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** M-A Brajeux

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 12:45 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** This measure is the least we can do to help protect our most vulnerable community members in the middle of this pandemic. It is not only allowable by law, but a moral obligation and should be the beginning of rebuilding a housing system that is fair, safe and accessible.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Hilda Rodriguez-Guzman

**Date Submitted:** 04/21/2020 11:58 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Hilda Rodriguez-Guzman, I am a member of ACCE. My concern is that landlords are still giving out eviction notices, leaving people vulnerable to exploitation. We need a real blanket moratorium on evictions that protects all tenants now.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kendall Mayhew

**Date Submitted:** 04/21/2020 11:47 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** It is crucial that the council pass this Eviction Moratorium. We have already seen in the past several weeks the ways that unscrupulous landlords are exploiting loopholes in the council's first effort at a moratorium and distributing false information to their tenants. There are even cases of landlords accessing their tenants' financial information illegally online. Please pass this actual eviction moratorium.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ev Boyle

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 12:51 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** Thank you for introducing and considering this motion for a total eviction moratorium, which is so important in this time of crisis when hundreds of thousands of Angelenos have lost their jobs and even more are at serious risk of losing the roof over their heads. LA needs not just an eviction moratorium but all of the Healthy LA recommendations ([healthyla.org](http://healthyla.org)) including complete rent and mortgage forgiveness for the duration of this crisis. I urge the City Council to do the right thing and (1) pass a complete eviction moratorium that keeps us safe in our homes, (2) make sure mortgage relief is tied to relief for renters so that tenants don't accumulate rent debt, (3) pass a right of recall to ensure workers are rehired when the health emergency ends, (4) bring back measures to council to protect unhoused people.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Antonio Earl Herron

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 01:19 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** To the LA City Council: Right now millions of citizens in this town are struggling to pay rent due to the pandemic, and the laws enacted by the legislative branch of Los Angeles are not being recognized by predatory landlords who seek to line their pockets with the lack of funds many Californians face. The seriousness of this health crisis means nothing to those landlords who seek to make a quick buck and provide their own financial security at the suffering of their tenants. It's time you take the next step to protect the tenants by granting a real eviction moratorium via your vote on 20-0404, and give the people who make this city run the right to have shelter, and extend our concern for tenants rights to the over 50,000 homeless people scattered across our city and county. It is time to live up to the votes that got all of you in your positions to begin with, and work for the people and their well being. Do the right thing, or there were will be many people sent out to the streets, and their losses will be on your hands.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Susan Collins

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 01:47 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** Thank you Council Members - I would like to oppose agenda item 20-0404. This proposal provides tenants with the ability to stop paying rent and removes the property owners ability to remedy. This agenda item negates the provisions provided in agenda item 20-0409. There would be no point in creating "a temporary rent reduction agreement, in which monthly or annual rent owed is reduced" - If renters are guaranteed they will not be required to pay any portion of their rent. I oppose this item and respectfully request that the council members suggest expanding rental subsidy vouchers on an Emergency basis - Rental Subsidy Vouchers should be made available to a broader base of income levels. During this time of crisis renters should be eligible for rental subsidies when they are able to provide verification of a loss of income that is substantial enough to cause a hardship and is due to the crisis caused by Covid 19. Last year it was determined that LAHSA was ineffective and lacked direction - at that time they were receiving an annual budget of 400 Million Dollars. During this crisis, LAHSA is executing a hazard pay increase clause in their contract that provides them with a 50% pay increase (please see the attached LAHSA document for verification). If we can pay an admittedly ineffective organization that has no definitive benchmarks for success, close to 600 Million Dollars - Implore you to re-evaluate our city's priorities and re-direct that funding to an effective program that will actually keep people in their homes, out of poverty and allow property owners to continue to reinvest in other areas of our community's economic recovery and growth. The residents of our city will not recover by shifting the financial burden of this crisis from one demographic to another. Please oppose this agenda item and make a motion to provide emergency rental subsidies based on substantiated loss and varying levels of need. Thank you, Susan Collins



Premium Pay during the COVID-19 Emergency

POLICY

Applies to: All Staff

Department: HR

Division/Unit: N/A

Owner: Keshia Douglas, Director of HR & Admin
Approved by: Heidi Marston, Interim Executive Director
Approved Date: 3/27/2020

Policy

As authorized by the Executive Director, this policy is an emergency measure intended to address the COVID-19 crisis. The policy will remain in effect until rescinded by the Executive Director based on declarations from Federal, State and local government officials ending the state of emergency.

Effective March 16, 2020, Homeless Engagement Team members and any other non-exempt (hourly) LAHSA staff who work in the field will receive "premium pay" for hours worked in the field.

Definitions:

Premium pay: The staff member's current base hourly pay rate plus 50% of that rate per hour.

In the field: Any work that requires the staff member to be physically present in an outdoor or indoor location in order to engage with people experiencing homelessness, other homeless services providers, or other public employees, such as police officers or medical professionals.

Overtime Pay Calculation

While the Premium Pay policy is in effect, staff will receive double their base hourly rate for overtime hours worked (50% added to base hourly rate for overtime + 50% added to base hourly rate for premium pay).

Implementation

For each payroll period, the Directors of departments with employees who have worked in the field during that period are responsible for providing the Payroll Unit of the Finance Department with a consolidated authorization list, listing the total authorized hours for premium pay and the payroll period. This list will be compared to submitted timesheets, and variances will be reported to the immediate supervisor.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Antonio Torres

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 01:53 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing to support this motion. I know a disproportionate amount of people that are enduring extreme circumstances. Not taking decisive action will have very burdensome and long lasting effects.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Marisa Navarro  
**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 10:03 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** Good morning councilmembers, As COVID19 is unprecedented in modern day history, your response to this crisis will be looked at and analyzed closely more than ever before. More than 60% of Angelenos are tenants and a recent LA Times Article, "Less than Half of LA County still has jobs.." reports only 45% of Angelenos have jobs; but as we all know, this number is and will continue to decrease. This demonstrates that a majority of everyday people are struggling to survive. As I currently work as a paralegal, I hear from our clients everyday who call in and tell me how they need settlements now as they cannot afford food and as they cannot pay for rent. This burden and stress are making our people sick. If you cannot see that, then you really are not connected to our community whatsoever and should be ashamed. I plead with each of you to do the right thing and support tenants who are everyday people, working class people, and the people who make LA the great city that it is. Please vote in favor of a real eviction moratorium, to freeze rent increases, and to implement actual mortgage and rent relief. Respectfully, Marisa Navarro

## Communication from Public

**Name:** luke kim

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 10:05 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** i am commenting to support a full eviction moratorium during the state of emergency and 30 days after its end. my grandmother passed away last thursday due to the coronavirus; i know firsthand of its deadly effects, and know that any evictions during this period will only result in more sickness and more death in this city. renters are especially vulnerable at this time—they have been shown to be at risk of direct and daily harassment and predatory practices by their landlords, despite any motions made so far by city council and the mayor. landlords will complain of lost income, but note that everyone is in this struggle together right now. it is simply unfair to solely allow landlords to continue profiteering as people enter the vicious cycle of losing housing during especially heinous circumstances. landlords, as business owners, have many more resources like sba loans to continue generating enough income. i ask city council to pass this motion immediately to protect ALL residents of the city, including renters and landlords, to truly show that they are taking steps to protect residents' lives.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Maritza Rivera  
**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 10:07 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0404  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Necesitamos ayuda para los vendedores ambulantes. Nuestra familia depende de nosotros

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jeanne Nishimoto  
**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 09:33 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0404  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please see attached letter.

April 22, 2020

Los Angeles City Council  
John Ferraro Council Chamber  
Room 340, City Hall  
200 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Re: Eviction Protection Expansion, Council File 20-0404**

Dear Los Angeles City Council Members:

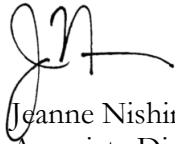
The UCLA School of Law Veterans Legal Clinic writes to support the proposal by Councilmember Bonin and Councilmember Ryu to suspend evictions during the Covid-19 emergency. The UCLA School of Law Veterans Legal Clinic (“Clinic”) is housed at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs West Los Angeles campus. Clinic clientele are primarily veterans who are chronically homeless or housing insecure and those who are aging, disabled, or returning from incarceration. Though significant resources have been dedicated to addressing veteran homelessness, former service members continue to experience homelessness at higher rates than the civilian population.

A wholesale suspension of evictions is a necessary measure to allow Angelenos to remain safe at home. Evictions break up households, displace communities, and force people into homelessness. As people look for places to stay, households double up, individuals are forced to move every few days between various friends and family members who can only take them in temporarily, and others end up sleeping in vehicles or on the street. This is unacceptable in normal times and may be fatal during a global health emergency. The City should do everything within its power to prevent this from occurring, including passing a comprehensive suspension of all eviction actions.

Prohibiting landlords from serving termination notices – usually the first step in an eviction proceeding – is an important protection to encourage social distancing. Service of the notice itself may necessitate in-person interactions between landlords and their tenants, which should be avoided. Tenants may feel pressure to move out of their units or otherwise respond to a notice in an attempt to avoid eviction. Additionally, some Los Angeles residents have temporarily left the city, often to stay with family during the crisis or care for others – such as elderly parents – who are in high risk populations, but intend to return once the emergency has passed. Serving a termination notice on people in these circumstances will prejudice their rights, since they may not receive actual notice of service or be unable to meaningfully respond remotely.

The City must enact stronger and broader renter protections, including a suspension of all eviction actions. Such a step is necessary for the health and safety of all LA City residents and can save lives.

Sincerely,



Jeanne Nishimoto  
Associate Director, Veterans Legal Clinic  
UCLA School of Law



Sunita Patel  
Assistant Professor of Law  
Faculty Director, UCLA Veterans Legal Clinic  
UCLA School of Law

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Katie McVay

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 09:51 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello there, I am writing in support of Item 39. COVID-19 has left many of Los Angeles' most vulnerable residents struggling to keep up with rent and other payments on no income, with very little help from the federal government and a completely overwhelmed state UI system. This item is the only thing preventing our housing crisis from ballooning. Keep Angelenos in their homes. There needs to be an eviction moratorium now.  
Thank you, Katie

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Harry Gilbert

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 09:28 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a doctoral student at USC, I've lost funding and job opportunities for the summer from both USC and at other institutions in Los Angeles. These were opportunities that had already been lined up. As such, my budgeting for summer is severely reduced with little alternatives for funding. Like so many other poor and working class residents of Los Angeles fighting to stay above water and not go into debt, I'm asking that this eviction moratorium is passed.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** David Marmor

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 09:27 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am not a renter, but a homeowner in Highland Park, but as far as I can see, this is a moral imperative. We must not allow renters to be evicted or forced out of their homes during this crisis. I am lucky enough not to be in danger of losing my home, and am grateful for that every day. The council must protect those who are not as fortunate. It's nobody's fault that this pandemic happened, and nobody should lose their home because of it.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Azad Amir-ghassemi

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 10:30 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** Total support for this we need an actual eviction moratorium, land lords are still filing evictions and threatening tenants who are stricken in this crisis. We need affirmative protections for the public health and for tenants who have lost jobs and cannot pay!



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Gigi Droesch

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 10:29 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** We need to put an actual eviction moratorium in place. There are too many people living on the streets right now and we need to prevent more people from loosing their homes in the current pandemic and economic problems. It is a matter of safety for the people of Los Angeles. Kicking people out of their homes is inhumane and dangerous

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rabeya Sen

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 10:28 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Rabeya Sen and I am with Esperanza Community Housing. We are proud members of the HealthyLA Coalition. Our residents are hurting. Angelenos are hurting. We need you to act NOW to fully protect our health and livelihoods with a full eviction moratorium. Landlords are still giving out eviction notices, leaving people confused and vulnerable to exploitation. The current protections are just a delay on evictions. We need a real blanket moratorium on evictions that protects all tenants. Please support this motion.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Bethany Leal

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 10:38 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Bethany Leal and I am a constituent of CD 8. Landlords are still giving out eviction notices, leaving people confused and vulnerable to exploitation. The current protections are just a delay on evictions. We need a real blanket moratorium on evictions that protects all tenants. Please lead on this issue, make it clear to landlords that this is unacceptable. Do not let them use this as an excuse to raise rents. In my Exposition Park neighborhood, landlords would love to evict Section 8 tenants and replace them with students.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Brady Collins

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 10:32 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, my name is Brady Collins and I am a constituent of CD4. Despite the city's efforts to suspend evictions, in my neighborhood, Koreatown, landlords are still giving out eviction notices, leaving many of my neighbors confused, and those with limited access to resources or limited english language competency vulnerable to exploitation. The current protections are just a delay on evictions--we need more than this. What we need is an actual blanket moratorium on evictions that protects all tenants. Without these measures, bad apple landlords will continue to take advantage of those tenants that are already most vulnerable to being pushed out of their neighborhood, leaving them housing insecure or homeless.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Chelsea

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 10:27 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Chelsea and I am a constituent of CD 14. Landlords are still giving out eviction notices, leaving people confused and vulnerable to exploitation. The current protections are just a delay on evictions. We need a real blanket moratorium on evictions that protects all tenants.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Anne Orchier

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 10:23 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm a tenant and member of the Los Angeles Tenants Union. When the shelter-in-place orders went into effect, almost everyone in my building lost their jobs. Many of my neighbors had to choose between paying rent and feeding ourselves and our families - and since April 1, we've been choosing food and protecting our health. Our landlord responded by informing us that under the new "protections," we still had to pay rent at some point and that he could still legally evict us if we didn't. And then I had to tell them that he was right, as insane as that seemed. Despite the fact that you've all been congratulating yourselves, landlords know who you're really looking out for and can truthfully say to tenants - there is no real eviction moratorium. As a member of the LA Tenants Union, I have at least one conversation a day that goes - if there's an eviction moratorium in place, then how can my landlord threaten to evict me? And then I have to spend half an hour breaking down the difference between an affirmative legal defense and actual moratorium. And the result is that tenants are scared and they know that the law and our elected leaders are not protecting them in this moment of crisis. I should be able to tell tenants right now - if you can't pay the rent and your landlord is threatening you, that is illegal, period, full stop. Without a full eviction moratorium and rent suspension, landlords are going to take every opportunity to threaten, harass, and push out tenants, and you will all be responsible for the ensuing explosion of newly unhoused Angelenos.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alexandra Suh

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 10:20 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Alexandra Suh. I am a constituent of CD 10 and Executive Director of KIWA. In Koreatown, over 90% of residents are tenants, and people have been hit hard. Many workers have no income and are out of money for food. Among the many immigrant workers we work with, we are hearing that landlords are still giving out eviction notices, leaving people confused and vulnerable to exploitation. Even landlords are confused! The current protections are just a delay on evictions. We need a real blanket moratorium on evictions that protects all tenants. Thank you for supporting all Angelenos.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Maria Morales

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 10:17 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm Maria Morales I live in district 8, I support this motion because if we want to keep our love ones safe they have to have a home, the government wants us at home to nit spread COVID 19 but how will be able to do that if we are getting evicted. we need a real moratorium on evictions.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ada Cordero Sacks

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2020 10:18 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0404

**Comments for Public Posting:** Landlords must be able to continue to serve notices, otherwise, they run the risk of waiver, especially where there is no written lease agreement between the Landlord and Tenant.